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SUBJ: OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE CHANGES EFFECTIVE 15 JUNE 2000

1. THE JOINT POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD (JPPB) IS CHARTERED BY DOD TO ACT AS THE OVERARCHING MANAGER AND POLICY BODY FOR THE R-2508 COMPLEX (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "COMPLEX"). AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE JPPB IN MARCH 2000, THE JPPB AGREED TO MODIFY THE CURRENT SCHEDULING POLICY OF A PORTION OF THE COMPLEX. THIS MODIFICATION WOULD REQUIRE ALL PARTICIPATING UNITS OPERATING WITHIN THE COMPLEX OVER THE SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS (SEKI) IN THE WESTERN OWENS WORK AREA MAINTAIN AN ALTITUDE OF FLIGHT LEVEL (FL) 180 OR ABOVE UNLESS THAT AREA IS SPECIFICALLY SCHEDULED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES THROUGH THE CENTRAL COORDINATING FACILITY (CCF). THE JPPB DIRECTS THE COMPLEX CONTROL BOARD (CCB) TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROPOSAL NO LATER THAN 15 JUNE 2000. THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE ON THAT DATE, ALL PARTICIPATING UNIT ACTIVITIES REQUESTING THE AIRSPACE BELOW FL180 OVER SEKI IN THE WESTERN OWENS WORK AREA SHALL SCHEDULE THAT WORK AREA IN ADVANCE WITH THE CCF IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT

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PROCEDURES. UNSCHEDULED OPERATIONS BELOW FL180 OVER SEKI ARE AUTHORIZED AT ANYTIME FOR SAFETY OF FLIGHT CONSIDERATIONS. AT NO TIME WILL ANY PARTICIPATING AIRCRAFT DESCEND BELOW 3,000 FT AGL WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SEKI EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. THE JPPB DOES NOT INTEND THIS ACTION TO BE A RESTRICTION TO FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THIS WORK AREA BUT ONLY A SCHEDULING PROCEDURE BY WHICH DOD CAN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE ITS MISSION.

2. TO FURTHER ENSURE THAT ALL PARTICIPATING AIRCREWS ARE AWARE OF AND UNDERSTAND COMPLEX OPERATING PROCEDURES, THE FOLLOWING POLICIES ARE HEREBY APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE CCB:

A. ALL JPPB SPONSORED UNITS OPERATING WITHIN THE COMPLEX SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL FACE-TO-FACE REFRESHER TRAINING BRIEF ON COMPLEX OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES FROM THE CCF OR THEIR SPONSORING JPPB COMMANDER (E.G. NAVY/MARINE CORPS UNITS ARE SPONSORED BY THE COMMANDER, NAWCWD). THIS BRIEF SHALL ADDRESS SCHEDULING PROCEDURES; SAFETY CONCERNS AND WILL STRESS OVERFLIGHT SENSITIVITIES. THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS POLICY IS 15 JUNE 2000.

B. ANY JPPB SPONSORED UNIT THAT HOSTS A TRANSIENT UNIT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT TRANSIENT UNIT'S COMPLIANCE WITH COMPLEX OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

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C. ONLY JPPB SPONSORED ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED THE ANNUAL COMPLEX BRIEF WILL BE ALLOWED TO SCHEDULE MISSIONS IN THE COMPLEX AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE LISTED ABOVE.

D. UNITS VIOLATING R-2508 COMPLEX PROCEDURES SHALL:

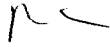
(1) AFTER THE FIRST VALIDATED INCIDENT, RECEIVE A WARNING LETTER VIA THE APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONAL WING COMMANDER FROM THE SPONSORING JPPB COMMANDER. THIS LETTER WILL REQUEST AN EXPLANATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE PROCEDURE VIOLATION WITHIN THE COMPLEX. UPON REQUEST, ADDITIONAL BRIEFINGS OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON THE PROBLEM AREA WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE RESPONSIBLE UNIT.

(2) THE SECOND VALIDATED INCIDENT OF JPPB POLICY VIOLATION WITHIN THE COMPLEX BY THE SAME UNIT WITHIN THE SAME YEAR'S PERIOD SHALL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF COMPLEX OPERATING PRIVILEGES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE BY THE SPONSORING JPPB COMMANDER.

N.B. THE JPPB SHALL DETERMINE WHICH VIOLATIONS OF R-2508 COMPLEX POLICY AND PROCEDURE ARE EGREGIOUS ENOUGH TO WARRANT THESE ACTIONS UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CCB.

3. HISTORICALLY, VIOLATIONS OF R-2508 COMPLEX PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN FROM UNITS OR INDIVIDUAL AIRCREWS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY

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SCHEDULED OR BRIEFED ON COMPLEX PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED WITHIN THE FLIP AND THE CCB APPROVED R-2508 HANDBOOK. TO FURTHER REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF UNIT VIOLATIONS, THE JPPB HAS AMENDED THE SCHEDULING POLICY FOR UTILIZATION OF THE COMPLEX:

A. ANY PARTICIPATING UNIT ACTIVITY THAT REQUESTS TO OPERATE WITHIN THE COMPLEX WITHOUT BEING PROPERLY SCHEDULED WITH THE CCF IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT CCB POLICY SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO FL180 AND ABOVE, PROVIDING THAT UNIT HAS RECEIVED THE ANNUAL COMPLEX BRIEF. THIS RESTRICTION DOES NOT APPLY TO UNIT ACTIVITIES OPERATING WITHIN ANY OF THE COMPLEX INTERNAL RESTRICTED AREAS.

B. ANY PARTICIPATING UNIT ACTIVITY THAT REQUESTS TO OPERATE WITHIN THE COMPLEX WITHOUT BEING PROPERLY SCHEDULED WITH THE CCF IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT CCB POLICY AND FOUND NOT TO HAVE RECEIVED THE ANNUAL COMPLEX BRIEF ON R-2508 COMPLEX PROCEDURES SHALL BE REFUSED ENTRY INTO THE COMPLEX.

C. THIS POLICY LETTER IS APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTICIPATING UNITS ON THE DATE OF ITS ISSUE BY THE JPPB AND SHALL SERVE AS PROCEDURAL DIRECTION UNTIL THE FLIP AND R-2508 HANDBOOK CAN BE UPDATED WITH MORE DETAILED PROCEDURES. INFORMATION ON R-2508 COMPLEX PROCEDURES IS AVAILABLE ON THE COMPLEX WEB SITE (URL: R2508.EDWARDS.AF.MIL) OR BY

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